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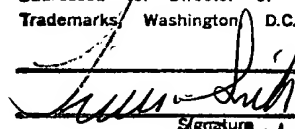
Title: TENSION MEMBER FOR AN ELEVATOR

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AMENDMENT A

Please amend the claims as follows:


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- a, 1. A tension member for providing lifting force to a car of an elevator system, comprising:
- a plurality of discrete cords, constructed from a plurality of individual wires, wherein all wires are [including wires] less than .25 millimeters in diameter, said plurality of cords being arranged side-by-side;
 - a coating layer substantially enveloping said plurality of cords and having an aspect ratio defined as the ratio of width w relative to thickness t, greater than one.

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Please delete Claim 4.

- a, 10. A tension member according to claim 1 wherein said wires diameters are less than [in the range of about .10 millimeters to about] .20 millimeters.

- ~~23.~~ ~~A tension member according to claim 1 wherein said cords are [wire is] metallic.~~